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### ASSASSINATION OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius is another illustration of the fact that the good-will and affection of the populace is something which no ruler can afford to ignore. With all of his elaborate precautions against attack, Russia's most feared and most cordially hated man could not protect himself against one of the humblest of the nation's residents.

There is more than appears on the surface in the calm precision and the intelligent determination with which the recent assassination program has been carried out, and there can be little doubt that the operations of terrorists are being conducted from a central bureau which has as its agents men who have placed behind them the fear of death upon which so many tyrants have placed their hope of personal safety.

The horrible details of a crime like that at Moscow cause a shudder wherever civilization extends, but when the record of this kind of evil genius is considered, can any intelligent man believe that either Russia or the world has suffered a serious loss in his death?

### ATHLETICS IN INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

On a family some old-fashioned pedagogues who holds that an institution of learning should inculcate knowledge rather than devote all of its energies to the development of athletic form comes to the front of the stage, and then football and the other activities of the spectacular squad receive a short-term jolt which would reflect credit upon a prize fighter of ability. The latest teacher to protest is Professor Walter Dill Scott of Northwestern University. In discussing the dangers of violent athletic exercises Professor Scott says:

"I have made tests in the psychological laboratory of young men who are prominent athletes and of others who are lacking in all athletic ability. The first thing brought out in the tests was that athletes are not stronger than other healthy young men. Many good football players are not particularly strong in tests of strength. The second thing I discovered was that athletes are not particularly rapid in their movements. I frequently found that persons of no athletic ability surprised the athletes in rapidity of movements and muscular strength.

"The next thing which I found in my tests was that athletes become exhausted more quickly than non-athletes when both are putting forth their best energy for a continuous period. In my tests to reach complete exhaustion I found that athletes would be exhausted within a few minutes or even in a few seconds, but persons of less athletic ability could not be exhausted in the same time.

"My explanation is that an athlete is a man who has all his muscular energy under control and is able to try harder than others. He is thus able to exert himself in such an extreme manner that the tissues of the muscles and nerves are unable to recuperate as fast as they are torn down. And exhaustion results rapidly as a natural consequence."

Professor Scott, the most man with a theory to prove, says that the prevailing

important facts in connection with the argument of the case. For instance, he admits that the athlete's lack of stamina is due to increased ability coming as a result of his training. In a world where specialization is the watchword of the day it may be that increased muscular efficiency is worth the price paid for it even by the all-around athlete. Certainly no intelligent man can hold that reasonable body culture is not beneficial.

Even the old theory that athletics have a beneficial effect upon the scholarship standings of students receive little support from the records of the chess or mathematics recently graduated from Annepolis. One of the boys on men, No. 7 in the class, rowed in the crew, No. 11 was captain of the track team, No. 18 was crew captain, No. 19 a member of the track team, No. 20 football captain and member of the crew, No. 21 captain of the rifle team, No. 23 a crew man, No. 25 captain of the gymnasium team and No. 27 a member of the track team. Thus, the first quarter of the class of 114 included nine active athletes, with six team captains, to say nothing of the manager of the crew and treasurer of the athletic association. The second quarter included the baseball captain and two more football players.

In the lower half of the class were found three football players, two crew men, one of them also a football player, two track men and two fencers. Besides managers of the baseball, football and track teams and the coxswain of the crew.

In all, 27 men may be said to have taken an active part in athletics or its management of these, 11 were graduated in the first quarter of the class, three in the second quarter, seven in the third quarter and six in the last quarter. The lowest man had one in the class played football and was president of the athletic association.

All of which clearly indicates that no hard and fast rule is applicable to all the individual cases coming up for consideration in the institutions of the land. The golden mean between the two extremes would give the student sufficient time to keep up his studies and sufficient exercise to keep his body in proper trim. As in most other phases of life, it is best to shun both extremes.

### WHY ENGLISH RAILROADS ARE SAFEST.

Ladies' Monthly Magazine for February contains an article which furnishes a hint concerning the disparity between the number of persons slaughtered on American railroads and those killed in England by a similar agency. "With one-tenth of our mileage," says the article, "but with many times our density of passenger travel, English men have a record of fifteen months without losing a life in a train accident. The reason is because they do things in the automatic, arbitrary, English manner which totally disregards the inalienable rights of a citizen to be massed by the railroads. Parliament compels the adoption of the block system. A supervision is maintained which has no parallel in the United States. Here in America the railway inspectors for two hundred thousand miles of railroad are just fifteen in number. Here no official exists who has as a duty or even is authorized to say to a railway officer, 'You are operating your railroad unsafely. Stop.' In Great Britain, the Board of Trade takes the place of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The chief inspector of the board—Colonel Yorke—is his name just now—is a gentleman of military habits, and what he says goes, and goes instantly. Behind him is the whole power of the British army. Not long ago an inspector, impressed by certain dangerous conditions in a branch of the London Sub-way, telephoned Colonel Yorke. The colonel is not given to expostulating or corresponding. He sent peremptory orders to stop the running of all trains on the spot, and not a wheel was driven till the defect was corrected."

Unless the railroads voluntarily adopt methods to prevent the wholesale slaughter of their patrons—methods which should appeal to them as a business proposition—they undoubtedly will be forced to bow to some such law as that which now prevails in England.

### COST OF ARMOR PLATE.

It is interesting to note that notwithstanding the armor trust and the influence of a protective tariff the United States pays less for its armor plate than any other nation. While France pays \$473 a ton for special plates and \$559.12 for hard-faced armor plate of the heaviest kind and Germany pays from \$523 to \$547 a ton, and Japan and Italy still more, the United States, by the recent bid of the Bethlehem and Carnegie plants, can secure its armor plate at \$451 a ton, which also includes the royalties paid for the Krupp process. An even lower bid was made by the Midvale armor plant, but there is doubt whether the latter can supply the armor in quantities such as may be required and as promptly as may be necessary.

The mere fact that the prevailing

prices are lower than some other nations happen to pay, however, cannot be regarded as a good reason for paying more than the armor plate is worth. It is to be hoped that the investigation ordered by Congress will result in a proper understanding of the issues involved and will result in the application of an efficient remedy for what seems an undue fondness for the trust-made armor.

If Governor White and those West Virginia legislators begin to tell all they know about each other it may be necessary to appropriate funds at the present session to enlarge the Little Mountain State's penitentiary.

The Senate has gloated to the House in regard to that agricultural appropriation bill amendment, and the members of Speaker Cannon's aggregation are wondering why they didn't make a stand sooner.

After Gilpenborg and Kuropatkin finish telling why they didn't vote the days it might not be out of order to secure an expert opinion on the subject from General Neill.

It is to be hoped that the New York courts who were a highwayman for fun will appreciate the humor of the 25-year sentence he has received.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says M. Witte is not anxious to remain in office. What M. Witte!

One of the crying needs of the British navy is "A-safety" submarine.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

#### Good Subject for The Hague.

Now wouldn't it be just a little bit odd if one of the foreign powers should disinterestedly suggest The Hague court for the settlement of the Presidential-Senatorial war over arbitration?—Philadelphia North American.

#### Keeping Up Prices.

Russian credit has been supported during this week in the usual manner—by buying with state money such securities as have been pushed to a sale and thus keeping the price up. This is a costly and dangerous method, but it is the only way open to Russia in this emergency. The effect, of course, is only temporary. Germany and France are pleased with Russian state securities, given for borrow money, and every time a holder of these wishes for any reason to turn his paper into cash he is confronted with a public not eager to buy. The effect of all this upon the business of Europe cannot fail to be harmful—how harmful only time can show.—Hartford Courant.

#### Linking the Americas.

At a meeting of what is known as the Permanent Pan-American Railway Committee, held in Washington on Saturday, some interesting statements were made concerning railroad construction in South America. It seems quite within the probabilities that within a decade the railway systems of North and South America will be conjoined. An official statement from the Mexican government announces that the building of the line from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec to the Guatemalan frontier is being pushed. This announcement is significant as this line forms the connecting route with the South American trunk lines, most of which systems will within a few years be joined to each other by connecting links.—Baltimore American.

### SOME MOTHER'S CHILD.

At home or away, in the alley or street, Whenever I chance in this wide world to meet  
A girl that is thoughtless, a boy that is wild,  
My heart echoes sadly, 'Tis some mother's child!

And when I see those o'er whom long years have rolled,  
Whose hearts have grown hardened, whose spirits are cold—  
Be it woman all fallen, or man all defiled,  
A voice whispers sadly, "Ah, some mother's child."

No matter how far from the right she hath strayed,  
No matter what inroad dishonor hath made,  
No matter what element cankered the soul,  
Though tarnished and sullied, she's some mother's girl.

No matter how wayward his footsteps have been,  
No matter how deep he is sunk in sin,  
No matter how low in his standing of joy,  
Though guilty and deathsome, he's some mother's boy.

That head hath been pillowed on tenderest breast,  
That form hath been wept o'er, those lips have been pressed,  
That soul hath been prayed for in tones sweet and mild,  
For her sake deal gently with this "some mother's child."

—Exchange.

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### Partizanship Versus Patriotism.

Editor of the Press:

Noble words and nobly spoken were those of the President in New Jersey the other day. Equally creditable to the people of the South is their hearty endorsement of efforts made by him and other Republicans to prevent the systematic legal robbery by trusts and corporations of the most needy and most helpless of our people—the wage earners. In all countries whose rulers and public servants are elected by suffrage, the minority consents to the rule of the majority; that is, the minority yields their opinions and theories as to how the government shall be run to those of the majority. But why the minority should be rigidly excluded from places of trust and command I fail to see. Or why the majority should oppose to the uttermost any measure put forth by the minority.

This is only done in the interests of partizanship and in the excitement and passion of contention frequently, if not invariably, the interests of the people suffer. The man whose horizon is bounded by partizanship may be an astute politician; he does not measure up to statesmanship. That man is a statesman who, while true to his party, subordinates partizanship to patriotism. He is keen enough to fathom the true principles upon which his government is established, to reach the bottom of the problems arising before him, broad enough to cover his whole country and far-sighted enough to state and defend his conclusions regardless of political consequences to himself. A statesman may be much more than this, but he must be this.

It is pleasing to see a minority party giving cordial support to measures advocated by the man whose election they opposed with their utmost ability, because those measures are right and not because they originated there. It is still more pleasing to see a grand leader of the minority lending aid and encouragement to his erstwhile opponent for the same reason. It is an honor to both. To the one who recommends the legislation advocated most emphatically by the other; to the other for his friendly support. It augurs well for any country when such is the case. Partizanship may propel the chariot of state; she must be guided by patriotism. W. H. BALL.

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